

Application Serial No. 10/037,003
Reply to Office Action of January 28, 2004

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests entry of this amendment because it places the claims in condition for allowance, and does not raise unconsidered issues.

Claims 15-23, 25, 26, and 27-29 have been amended herein. Claims 1-14, and 31-45 were canceled herein. Claims 46-69 were added herein. After entry of the amendment, claims 15-23, 25-30, and 46-69 are pending. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and remarks submitted herein.

The Examiner objected to the specification and rejected claims 14-23, 28, and 29 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to adequately teach how to make and/or use the invention. The Examiner also rejected claims 14-23, 28, and 29 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite.

Although Applicant does not necessarily agree with these rejections, or acquiesce thereto, claims 14-23 have been cancelled herein in order to advance the allowance of the remaining claims. Similarly, claims 28 and 29 have been amended to be dependent on claim 25 instead of rejected claim 14.

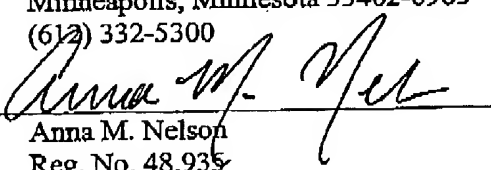
Applicant respectfully asserts therefore, that claim 25, and its dependent claims 15-23, and 28-30; claim 26, and its dependent claims 46-57; and claim 27, and its dependent claims 58-69 are therefore allowable because they represent claims 25-27, which were only objected to as being dependent on a rejected claim.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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